appropriate action as and when such cases are reported. It is the responsibility of State Governments to ensure that the smart cards issued by their authorities or vendors selected by them comply with the prescribed rules.

(c) Action on violation; if any, by the vendors has to be taken by the State Governments themselves.

Stilted expressway on Hosur Road

3239. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the work on the 9.5 km. stilted expressway on Hosur Road would be commenced by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI);

(b) whether it is a fact that IT companies situated in the area were opposing the project; and

(c) the features of this project, and which are the implementing agencies of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) It is proposed to construct an elevated highway of length 9.985 km on Bangalore-Hosur Section of NH-7 from km 8.765 to km 18.750. It is also proposed to improve ground level highway to 6-lane. The work will be done on Build Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis. Action has been taken to award the work. The date of commencement and implementing agency will be known after award of work.

NHAI has not faced any opposition from IT companies against the project.

Road cum Railway Bridge over Brahmaputra River

3240. SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of years that would be required to complete the construction fo Bogibil Road cum Railway Bridge over Brahmaputra rivier in Assam;